

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 106  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2003  
10:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair  
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Bob Workman  
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 2, 2003**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of October 2, 2003. Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Hudkins and Schorr were absent from voting. Motion carried.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None were stated.

**3 SOUTHEAST UPPER SALT CREEK WATERSHED PLAN - Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department; Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works/Utilities; Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD)**

Discussion took place regarding Comprehensive Plan Amendment 03004, a request to adopt the Southeast Upper Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan as an approved subarea plan, and to amend the Land Use Plan to designate land as Green Space or Agricultural Stream Corridor along the 100 year flood prone corridor on property generally located between Salt Creek and South 70<sup>th</sup> Street, from Yankee Hill Road to south of Saltillo Road. Board members posed the following questions:

- \* Did the Planning Department endorse Concept C (provides greater flexibility to development)?

Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department, said yes, Public Works/Utilities and Planning Department staff recommended Concept C language to the Planning Commission.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works/Utilities, explained that Concept C was proposed to respond to concerns expressed by landowners regarding flexibility on individual sites. She said the proposed revisions were forwarded to the Planning Commission with a revised staff recommendation. The Planning Commission heard additional testimony from the environmental community regarding their concerns with Concept C and ultimately recommended Concept A (preserves existing floodplain).

- \* Is there flexibility in Concept A?

Fleck-Tooze said Concept A will accommodate development on either side of the 100 year flood prone area. She explained that there will not be full funding available to implement the plan and said the intent is to make purchases in areas that have the greatest flood storage and most valuable riparian areas.

Hudkins and Schorr arrived at 10:32 a.m.

- \* Will land in the floodplain be taken off the tax rolls?

Fleck-Tooze said conservation easements are proposed for land in the flood prone area so there will be a decrease in value.

- \* How will landowners be compensated?

Fleck-Tooze said they will be compensated for the loss of value based upon an appraisal.

Henrichsen added that landowners will also be able to receive other credits for the land.

- \* Will the plan impact present land use?

Fleck-Tooze said no, but said it will prevent future urban growth and future changes in land use.

- \* Why didn't the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) purchase conservation easements in the flood prone area?

Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South NRD, said the purchase would not be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. He said the NRD is providing some of the funding, noting it has not been determined who will hold the easements.

Fleck-Tooze said the City and NRD have an interlocal agreement in place and work together on a number of issues, such as how to offset impact from future urban growth. She said both are dedicating funding and resources to the project.

Board consensus was to schedule the item on the October 14, 2003 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

Also present were: Marvin Krout, Planning Director; Mike DeKalb, Planning Department; Doug Pillard, County Engineering; and Aaron Sanderford, Lincoln Journal-Star Newspaper.

#### **4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

##### **A. Pension Update**

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the upcoming "black-out" period (a period of time in which changes can not be made to investments) for the pension plan. He said Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) would like employees in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to re-enroll. Employees that do not do so will be rolled over to the new plan. Employees that are in the 401(a) Pension Plan will also be given an opportunity to pre-designate their investments under the new array. Eagan said informational meetings are planned and requested authorization to include information with employee paychecks.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to include an informational letter with employee paychecks. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

## 5 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Eagan said Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, will testify at a Interim Study hearing on LB 724 (adopt the Nebraska Behavioral Health Reform Act and change release provisions for committed persons) later in the day. Copies of his testimony will be provided to the Board and Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant.

Hudkins reported that the café in the City-County Building has closed.

## 6 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Hudkins, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk